

SUMMER NITELIFE

New direction in food at Holiday Inn

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TRAVERSE CITY —
Holiday Inn West Bay has
undergone a \$250,000
restaurant renovation, just

in time for summer.

The old days of buffet
lines and hardy, stick-to-
your-ribs kinds of foods
have passed and given way
to a new generation of
fresher, lighter meals in the

form of the new CW's Blue
Water Bistro.

"People's dining habits
have changed from 20 to 30
years ago," said Randy
Sharp, food and beverage
director. "We used to be
known as the best buffet in
town, but that's become an
older, tired area. People are
looking to eat fresh and
lively foods."

The three-part restaurant
features a bistro — a deli-
style area designed for
either a leisurely lunch or a
meal on the go.

Pastries, bagels and
gourmet coffees will be
available from early in the
morning to throughout the
day. Salads, soups, specialty
sandwiches and desserts
will be offered.

The second section, a cozy
bar area, features wines
from local wineries and a
new menu of appetizers.
The third and largest sec-
tion is a contemporary,
more formal dining room
than the bistro. The menu

features traditional
Michigan items such as
whitefish and pork chops
drizzled in maple syrup, but
also includes a variety of
steaks, fish, chicken, pork
and lamb. Weekly black-
board specials will enhance
the limited daily menu,
according to Sharp.

"Part of what we're doing
is selling an old friend with
a new face," said Jennifer
Hutchinson, director of
sales and marketing.

For those lamenting the
absence of cheese sticks,
fried chicken wings and
burgers in a basket from
CW's new menu, Winger's
Sports Bar still specializes
in pre-game munchies and
more.

In addition, the Holiday
Inn's popular patio and bar
overlooking the bay will
continue to offer live enter-
tainment as it has in past
summers. The Holiday Inn's
Shimmers Nightclub will
continue to offer dancing
into the wee hours.

Area nitelife

ANTRIM COUNTY

Lulu's Bistro Open 7 days a week
starting July 8; Summer hours
Monday through Saturday lunch
11-2:30 p.m. dinner 5-9:30 p.m.
Sunday Fondue Night 4-8 p.m.;
213 N. Bridge, Bellaire; 533-
5252.

The Rowe Ellsworth, French Wine
Luncheons every Saturday noon
to 2 p.m.; \$10/person, 588-
7351.

Shanty Creek Performing in the
Lakeview; Dominic Fortuna; May
24; Karaoke; May 25; Iowa Rose
May 31; Shanty Creek, Bellaire;
(800) 678-4111.

BENZIE COUNTY

Cabbage Shed Don Jones and
Friends (jazz/Dixieland), 7-10
p.m. Thurs.; acoustic open mic
Fri. hosted by Sharron Bay, no
cover; 198 Frankfort Ave., Elberta;
352-9843.

Crystal Mountain Resort Thistle
Pub and Grill, 11 a.m.-midnight
Sun.-Thur.; Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m.-1
a.m., 12500 Crystal Mountain
Dr., Thompsonville; (800) 968-
7686.

Hotel Frankfort Dining room open
8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily; Kim
Keithly (piano), 6-10 p.m. Fri.-
Sat.; 231 Main St., Frankfort; 352-
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